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ONE CENT

AFTER KILLING AGED MINER NEGRO ASSAILANT ESCAPES

Webster Miner is Brutally
Murdered by Huge,
Unknown Negro

WIFE IN SERIOUS CONDITION

Robbery Thought to Have Been
Incentive For Killing—State and
Town Police Scour the Valley in
Search.

What was perhaps the most brutal murder in years in the Monongahela locality, occurred between 4 and 5 o'clock Sunday morning near the Henderson Coal company's workings not far from Webster. As a result of the cold blooded attack of an unidentified negro, Joseph Smith, aged about 58 years, a miner employed at the Equitable mine of the Pittsburgh Coal company is dead and his wife Katherine Smith is lying at the point of death at the Charleroi-Monessen hospital. The negro escaped after his double crime and no knowledge is had of his whereabouts. State and town police are scouring the valley and the surrounding country in search of him.

Early Sunday morning Smith was awakened by the noise of someone trying to enter the door of his home. He got up and opened the door to find the big negro there. He asked the newcomer what he wanted, and the negro for answer struck him on the head with a club, telling him he wanted everything he had. The negro then beat Smith over the head until he was unconscious.

Mrs. Smith then heard the noise and came to the door to find her husband lying as if dead. The negro had vanished and while the woman was trying to get her husband into the house, the negro returned and asked her what was the matter. He said he would help her lift her husband but when she stooped over Smith's prostrate form the negro struck her on the head with his club and told her that he would shoot her. He then seized a gun which was lying near and shot the husband, the bullet striking Smith in the left side of the neck.

The murderer then turned his attention to the woman but she threw an ax at him and averted the fatal shot. The negro then seized her and beat her until she fell to the ground. Believing her dead, the assassin fled. After a time Mrs. Smith recovered consciousness and called for help. Neighbors came and the woman and her husband were taken to the Charleroi-Monessen hospital where Smith died at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The motive of the deed is believed to have been robbery. Shortly before the tragedy a miner named Gyp Boyd was held up by a negro near the Smith home and relieved of \$35. It is thought that the same negro figured in both crimes. He is said to be a man about five feet, seven inches in height and weighing about 180 pounds. He was clad in a brown suit.

A post-mortem examination held Sunday afternoon showed that Smith came to his death as a result of hemorrhages caused by the lodging of a .38-calibre bullet in the left side of

JACOB HANNAN DIES AT HOME AT COAL CENTER SUNDAY NIGHT

Was Life Long Resident of Coal Centre—Father of Charleroi Men—
Funeral Wednesday Afternoon.

Jacob F. Hannan, aged 72 years, died at his home at Coal Centre Sunday evening at eleven o'clock from a complication of diseases. Mr. Hannan had been a lifelong resident of Coal Centre and is a well known and highly respected citizen of the community. He had been in failing health for some time. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. J. F. Hannan, two daughters, Mrs. James Pepper of California and Mrs. Iva Campbell at home and two sons, Hannan Hannan and Henry Hannan both of Charleroi. One sister, Mrs. Jane Stroud, of Charleroi and three brothers, John Hannan of Ohio, Hiram Hannan, of Maple Creek and Henry Hannan of Coal Centre also survive. He was a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and the First Christian church of California. Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the late home, by Rev. E. N. Dury, pastor of the First Christian church of Charleroi. Interment will be in Howes cemetery.

REARRANGEMENT UNSATISFACTORY

Recent Change in R. D. Service Detrimental Instead of Beneficial

GREAT DIFFICULTY ENCOUNTERED

Herbert House, rural mail carrier of route No. 1, of Monongahela in discussing the changes in the rural mail system stated that he was of the opinion that few carriers would be able to cover their routes in the winter season as they are now laid out. He stated that during the last three days he had left the office at 9:15 in the morning and one evening returned at 8 p. m., another at 8:35 and another after 8 o'clock.

At Avella the carriers get started out at 8 o'clock and return at 5 o'clock and 5:30. The same conditions exist all over the county and scarcely a rural carrier will arrive at the distributing office now in time to dispatch mail the same day.

Some of the Washington routes have been changed so that it will be almost impossible to cover them. One carrier this week with one of his best two-horse teams was kept hustling to get back to the office roads in good condition.

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the neck near the spine. Inquest will be conducted by Deputy Coroner Lawrence B. Frye Wednesday evening at 7:30.

EXCELLENT PROGRAM FOR BELGIAN RELIEF

The Charleroi Choral Society Arranges Musical Program
for the Benefit of Belgian Sufferers—Participants Known in Musical Circles

The following excellent program has been arranged for the concert to be given tomorrow evening at the High School auditorium by the Charleroi Choral Society for the benefit of the Belgian Relief Fund:

Part song, "Ding-a-ling," Ford Charleroi Choral Society; tenor solo, "Queen of the Earth," Pansori, Warren Kinder; Glee, "Now by Day's Retiring Lamp," Bishop, Charleroi Choral Society; reading, "Where Ignorance is Bliss," Fielding, Miss Mary M. Chester; violin solo, (a) Meditation From "Talis," Massenet; (b) Minuet, Mehul, Miss Norma Bosson; part song, "Come Where My Love Lies Dreaming," Foster, Charleroi Choral Society; contralto solo, "Garden of Your Heart," Dorel, Miss Isabelle Doron; piano solo, "Minuet," Al. Antico, Seelbach, Miss Maybrahe solo, "The Swallow," Cowen, Miss Ethel Barth, reading, "Pink Campanions," Anon, Miss Mary M. Chester; Part song, "Sleep, Gentle Lady," Bishop, Charleroi Choral Society; violin solo, "Concerto No. 6," in A, DeBorior, Monsieur Felicien Felot; Choral Ballad, "The Miller's Wooing," Fanning, Charleroi Choral Society. Director—Prof. I. T. Daniel; Accompanist—Miss May Barth.

CHILDREN'S DAY IS AN AFFAIR OF MANY ATTRACTIVE AND PLEASURES AT CHURCHES

Programs Practically in Hands of Children During
The Services of the Evening—First Presbyterian
And Christian Churches Observe

The Children's Day exercises held last evening at the First Presbyterian church were among the most successful of a similar nature ever given by the pupils of that Sunday school. There was a very large attendance. An interesting program had been arranged and the various participants acquitted themselves with much credit. The pastor, Rev. A. J. Whipple, spoke briefly on the purpose of "Children's Day." Prof. I. T. Daniel, superintendent of the Sunday school, was in charge of the program with Miss Leila Orange at the piano. The choir loft and rostrum were beautifully decorated with a profusion of flowers and potted plants. One of the most attractive floral pieces was an emblem about three feet square with the inscription "God is Love," in red roses from an unknown donor.

Children's Day services were also very fittingly celebrated at the local First Christian church. The church was beautifully decorated with numerous floral designs. A delightful time was enjoyed by all. A large crowd was in attendance and a beautiful collection was received during the services an excellent program was in rendition, being carried out mostly by children. Paul Wight of the Minges Evangelical association rendered a beautiful solo. A talk was made by T. G. Allen. At the close Rev. E. N. Dury pastor of the First Christian church spoke briefly and offered up the benediction.

WIFE FOR WIFE TO BE ATTRACTION AT PALACE

The special attraction billed for the Palace tonight is the beautiful sentimental drama "Wife for Wife," from the book by Robert Hillard, produced by the famous Alhambra Corporation. In the production the celebrated screen star Wilmuth Meryll plays the leading role, supported by an all star cast.

WILDCATS DEFEAT HILL TOP JUNIORS SATURDAY

Manager Houston's Wildcats defeated the Hill Top Juniors by the score of 14 to 8, Saturday. This is the sixth game won by the Wildcats and they have a record of no defeats. They showed fine form in the field and got 19 hits in the game. The battery for the Wildcats was Schelan and Rock and for Hill Tops Berent and Caushner.

CHILD STRUCK BY AUTOMOBILE DRIVEN BY DR. A. S. SICKMAN

Evelyn Corwin Receives Injuries
When Struck by Machine While
Crossing Street.

Evelyn Corwin, the four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Corwin of Crest avenue was struck by an automobile driven by Dr. A. S. Sickman of North Charleroi this morning about ten o'clock. The child was attempting to cross the street in front of her home, between Seventh and Eighth streets on Crest, when the machine hit her, knocking her unconscious. She was carried into the house and given medical attention by Drs. Faddis and McKay. Although badly bruised about the head and face her condition is not thought to be serious.

The Eternal City

In 8 Reels, by Hall Cain. With Pauline Frederick. The Talk of Pittsburgh
Coyle Theatre Wednesday. Coming "The Avenging Conscience" June 30.

AUTOMOBILIST INSTANTLY KILLED WHEN TIRE THROWS

BEALLSVILLE GIRL WEDS
GRADUATE OF PRINCETON

Martindale-Thomas Nuptials Take
Place at Home of Bride at Beallsville—Friends Present.

At the home of the bride's parents in Beallsville at 7:30 o'clock Saturday morning occurred the marriage of Miss Floy Louise Martindale and Philip Edward Thomas of Johnstown. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. W. King, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of Beallsville. The wedding was a quiet affair and was witnessed by the families of the contracting parties.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Martindale of Beallsville and is well known to a large circle of friends. The groom is a member of a prominent Johnstown family and is a graduate of Princeton class of 1914. When the happy young couple boarded the train at Beallsville bound on their honeymoon trip they were well showered with rice by a large crowd of admiring friends. Upon their return they will reside in Johnstown.

MRS. M'NAUGHTON DIES AT PITTSBURG

Well Known Charleroi Woman Succumbs Suddenly
After Few Days Illness

FUNERAL TUESDAY EVENING

Mrs. Anna Fleming McNaughton, aged 31, wife of Dr. John McNaughton died Sunday morning at 2:30 o'clock at the Allegheny General Hospital at Pittsburgh.

Mrs. McNaughton was taken sick Tuesday evening June 8, and on Sunday evening, June 13 was removed to the Allegheny General Hospital where just seven days later her untimely death occurred.

On June 1, 1911, she was married to Dr. John McNaughton of Charleroi, and since her marriage has resided at 223 Washington avenue.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of her brother, William H. Fleming, at 201 Bon Air avenue, Pittsburgh. Interment, which will be private will be held Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock and interment will be in the Southside cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. John McNaughton, one son, Bruce, aged 3 years, one daughter Helen, Margaret, aged nine days, two sisters, Mrs. John Reynolds and Miss Tillie Fleming and two brothers, William H. Fleming and Willerton Fleming.

NOTICE

Members of the L. C. B. A. are requested to meet at the home of Mrs. Ellison this evening at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Margaret Shields, 561

Robert C. Peterson is Killed When Thrown Tire Causes Wreck

FRACTURE OF SKULL RESULTS

Car Crashes Into Stone Foundation While Making Dangerous Curve Near Coal Valley—Mother, Sister And Six Brothers Survive.

Robert C. Peterson, aged 28 of Sunola was instantly killed when the automobile in which he was driving crashed into the stone foundation on the Pennsylvania Railroad bridge trestle near Coal Valley, Sunday evening at 11:30 o'clock.

Peterson together with his brother George F. Peterson a shoe merchant of Monongahela and John Cochran a clerk in the Alexander bank of Monongahela was returning from Wilkensburg where they had been spending the day with another brother John E. Peterson. Thinking the road by way of Coal Valley a shorter route they had taken it. Young Peterson who was driving a Ford runabout was about a hundred yards in the lead and traveling at a speed of about 25 miles an hour. The other two were riding in a Hupmobile. While making a dangerous curve known as the S curve near the Pennsylvania railroad bridge trestle the car in which Peterson was riding threw a tire, the machine left the road and crashed into the concrete foundation of the bridge. Dr. A. A. Peterson another brother of Elizabeth was called, but before he could reach the scene of the accident the man had died, his skull being fractured.

Young Peterson was a well and favorably known young man. He held a responsible position with the Burrough's Adding Machine Company and had recently been appointed district agent of Washington, Greene and Fayette counties, and would have taken charge of this work next week.

Besides his mother Mrs. E. A. Peterson of Sunola he is survived by one sister, Miss Ida B. Peterson at home and six brothers, J. E. Peterson of Wilkensburg, Dr. C. D. Peterson of Connellsville, Dr. A. A. Peterson of Elizabeth, Dr. A. A. Peterson of Portland, Oregon, George F. Peterson of Monongahela and L. H. Peterson of Monaca.

Mrs. Harry Barnhart has returned from Cleveland, Ohio, after a four weeks' visit with friends and relatives.

FINAL REHEARSAL FOR RELIEF CONCERT TO BE HELD TONIGHT

This evening at the high school auditorium the final rehearsal for the concert to be given Tuesday evening in behalf of the Belgian Relief work will be held. The rehearsal is an important one as the seats will be given at this meeting. All members of the society are being urged to attend.

Miss Margaret Laird and sister of Williamsport have gone to San Francisco, where they will attend the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

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